

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject matter is respectfully requested. Claims 1-76 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Applicant elects to cancel claims 1-6, 10, 14-23 and 30-76. Applicant reserves the right to file a Continuation Application for the subject matter of cancelled claims 1-6, 10, 14-23 and 30-76.

Applicant respectfully submits that objected claims 7-9, 11-13 and 24-29 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection, and allow the aforementioned claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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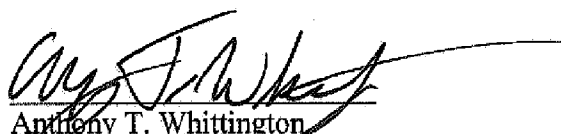
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